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FRIENDS OF THE REGIONAL MAJOR EVENTS CENTRE COMMITTEE SEEK GOVERNMENT GRANTS *Federal, Provincial Grant Applications Submitted*

Bill Yuill, Chairman of the Regional Major Events Centre Committee (formerly the Friends of the New Event Centre Committee), announced today that applications have been submitted to both the Federal and Provincial governments to access available program funds to assist in the construction of the proposed new events centre.

Mr. Yuill went on to state that "it is important that all levels of the government, the private sector and the public sector contribute to the replacement and development of infrastructure that contributes to the quality of life and benefits all citizens throughout our southern Alberta communities while stimulating growth, economic development and tourism."

The Committee will continue to seek capital financing options including Public-Private Partnerships and other alternative financing vehicles that would also contribute to funding the project.

Further progress reports will be made available over the next several months.

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